

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated July 1, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure. The specification has been amended at the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 20 has been cancelled, thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 5, 6, and 8-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 5 and 15 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection of claims 5 and 15 with regard to "an air bag". Claims 9-11, 14 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the "beam". Claims 5-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 20 have been cancelled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 5, 6, and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2,227,212. Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by FR 2,704,510. Claims 11 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2,227,212 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,588,670 to Storey et al. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 9-11, 14, cancelled claims 5-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 20, and added claims 21-27. Claims 1-4, 9-11, 14, 17-19, and 21-27 are pending.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include that the inflator assembly is integrally formed in the beam and further includes a chute connected to the beam, wherein an air bag is disposed in the chute when in its folded condition. None of the references, individually or in combination, teach or suggest such an assembly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C.

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§102(b). Since claims 2-4, 9-11, 14, and 17-29 are dependent on claim 1, they also are patentable for at least this reason.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Any fees due in connection with this Amendment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-0005.